

BOARD MEETING 2/21/17

5:30 PM / POYDRAS MUSEUM

ATTENDEES

Teresa Houston, Bourg Langlois, Noelie Ewing, Christine St. Romaine, Aimee Moreau, Steve Bergeron, Leslie Brewer (phone conference)

AGENDA

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Accept minutes from January 24th meeting. Christine motioned. Noelie seconded.

Treasurer's Report

2. Joseph/Tammy Jarreau pledged to complete a fundraiser with a local school in support of the **Julien Poydras Succession preservation**. Fundraiser was not successful. \$4,694.10 was donated by the Jarreau family and has been deposited.
3. Treasurer Report accepted.

Administrator News

4. **Ames** has resolved the issue of spiders by going in staircase and spraying. B&P cleaned the staircase. Ames will respray to prevent from recurring.
5. **B&P**, the new janitorial service, is going as planned.
6. New tenant, **Kevin Toussant**, is actively renting.
7. Renee emailed all members that had not answered the initial request for **membership** and received a total of 4, one being a \$500 donation.
8. Renee reported **Jeanie Andre**, Pointe Coupee Office of Tourism, expressed interest in purchasing 2 **New Roads and Old Rivers books** at the cost of

\$28/book. Books have cost on average \$27/book. Records of selling at this price to a vendor cannot be found. Aimee suggested to sell to vendors no less than \$36/book, with the contingent that the vendor sells the book to the public for no less than \$45, which is standard with all other vendors, such as the City of New Roads and Pointe Coupee Gallery. Teresa motioned. Bourg Seconded.

Recent Activities

9. **Building concerns** - Teresa expressed possible help from NRG Global Giving Campaign. Requires 2 days of help from employees, plus \$1000 donation. Also need 6-7 volunteers to work a total of 6 hours per day to assist. Board agreed to look into pursuing this.
10. **Lights** in the front of the building were taken down during the sidewalk renovation project and are missing. Bourg mentioned that they may have been thrown away or taken, as they did not fit the upcoming landscape plan.
11. Teresa has reached out to **grant writers** and several individuals of this interest. In conversation with Jenny Bigalo and others, the consensus is that money for a building and maintenance is hard to come by, money for events/musicians/performances is easy, and operating expenses is none. She suggested grant opportunities and Bourg suggested speaking with Yvonne regarding grant writing.
12. Jimmy provided update on **Landscape project**. Estimates have been obtained for trees, etc. and a general layout has been submitted by Jimmy. He is working with Suzanne Turner and Nick Musso for the tree placement plan. Brian Costello said he'd write an article for the Banner outlining plans and include history on Poydras as an intro to the tree sale program. 6-7 tree varieties will be planted. Aimee agreed to get in touch with Suzanne and Randy regarding marketing ideas.
13. **Gaines Festival** has been taken over by PCHS from the City of New Roads. PCHS is working in conjunction with the Gaines Center for event planning. Jimmy, Randy, and Aimee met with Cheylon Woods, director of the Gaines Center, regarding the planning. A tentative outline has been agreed upon by the immediate committee; however, a full committee is being sought by the Gaines Center. The event will take place in the spring of 2018.

14. **Additional board members** are still being sought. Steve talked to John Grezaffi and he suggested that Les Anne Grezaffi, join. Noelie offered to call her and invite her. Bourg will contact Chad Soprano.

15. **Baton Rouge Magnet High Concert** was held on February 16th with nearly 100 in attendance. Over \$900 was raised for the students.

Upcoming Activities

16. Julie Lee donated \$500 towards the **Mardi Gras float**, which is being used by Rougon Elementary. Thank you note was sent to Julie.

17. **Pelican Music Chamber Concert scheduled for March 19** will be in honor of **Mrs. Patricia Laurent**. Noelie and Renee Major are working on this together and invitations are being sent out.

New Business

18. Volunteers will be needed for the **Bartram Trail Conference** on March 26th. Aimee agreed to get in touch with Randy regarding when and where they will be needed, as well as what duties will need to be done.

19. **New Roads and Old Rivers 5 Year Anniversary** is approaching. Aimee spoke with Randy regarding a 5-year celebration at Market at the Mill on November 17-19. PCHS has a percentage of profit from original prints from Richard Sexton that can be sold at the celebration, in addition to the books. The board agreed to pursue this project.

20. **CFTA** has asked to perform on 5/18 - 5/20 for \$500. Renee Boutee will work with them to do practices around her work schedule.

21. A fee schedule was proposed by Leslie and Teresa for **venue rental** agreement. This was discussed and a revised version will be presented for approval at the next meeting.

22. Teresa suggested a **new meeting date** on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Board agreed.

23. **Printing press** that was donated is not needed by PCHS. Jimmy suggested to sell. Teresa agreed to place it on eBay to sell.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned. Noelle motioned. Steve seconded.